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SUBJ: VIEWS OF SECOND VICE PRESIDENT BARRERA ON SPANISH
RELATIONS WITH EC AND US

1. DURING OUR CONVERSATION AT LUNCHEON MARCH 25, AT WHICH ONLY TWO OF US WERE PRESENT, FINANCE MINISTER (AND SECOND VICE PRESIDENT) BARRERA DE IRIMO INDICATED THAT THE SPANISH GOVERNMENT IS CURRENTLY REASSESSING ITS PRESENT AND FUTURE RELATIONSHIP WITH THE COMMON MARKET. AS HE PUT IT, SPAIN HAD TO PAY A PRICE FOR A CLOSE RELATIONSHIP WITH THE COMMON MARKET AND SPAIN WAS NOT DISPOSED TO PAY THIS PRICE WITHOUT GETTING THE ADVANTAGES OF FULL MEMBERSHIP. HE GAVE THE IMPRESSION THAT SPAIN IS NOT ANXIOUS AT THIS TIME TO PUSH FOR THE SPANISH-EC AGREEMENT WHICH HAS BEEN UNDER NEGOTIATIONS FOR SOME TIME.

2. BARRERA PICTURED THE COMMON MARKET AS BEING IN A STATE OF DISARRAY AND CONFUSION. HE PERCEIVED GREAT DIFFICULTIES IN MOVING FORWARD IN THE NEAR FUTURE TOWARD RESOLUTION OF INTERNATIONAL MONETARY AND TRADE PROBLEMS WHEREAS MONTHS AGO HE HAD BEEN OPTIMISTIC ABOUT THE PROSPECTS FOR SUCH AGREEMENT.

3. IN CONTRAST TO HIS ATTITUDE OF DISILLUSIONMENT CONCERNING
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THE COMMON MARKET, BARRERA EXPRESSED HIMSELF STRONGLY ON THE

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DESIRABILITY OF A STRONGER AND BROADER ECONOMIC RELATIONSHIP
BETWEEN SPAIN AND THE US. HE INDICATED THAT HE WOULD LIKE TO
GIVE THIS RELATIONSHIP A HIGHER PRIORITY AND THAT HE WAS
SEARCHING FOR IDEAS ON HOW TO BRING THIS ABOUT. HE EXPRESSED
GREAT PLEASURE AT HIS RECEPTION IN WASHINGTON AND THE DISCUSSIONS
HE HAD HAD IN WASHINGTON WITH LEADING US OFFICIALS. WE TALKED
ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF CONTINUING SUCH EXCHANGES BY VISITS
OF U.S. CABINET AND OTHTR HIGH OFFICIALS TO MADRID
SUCH AS MR. FLANIGAN, THE NEW TREASURY SECRETARY, AND COMMERCE
SECRETARY DENT DURING WHICH THERE WOULD BE OPPORTUNITY TO PURSUE
IDEAS FOR FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF SPANISH-US ECONOMIC COOPERATION.

4. WE AGREED THAT FRENCH POSITION IN OPPOSING US ENERGY AND
ECONOMIC PROPOSALS, OFTEN SEEMINGLY MORE FOR THE SAKE OF
OPPOSITION THAN FOR REASONS OF REAL SUBSTANCE, WAS DIFFICULT
TO UNDERSTAND AND BARRERA LAID HE WOULD TRY TO OBTAIN A BETTER
UNDERSTANDING MF FRENCH MOTIVATIONS IN HIS SCHEDULED MEETING
MUIHHSRBASCARD THE FOLLOWING DAY IN PARIS.

COMMENT: THE LINE BARRERA PURSUED WITH ME ABOUT GIVING GREATER
EMPHASIS TO SPAIN'S RELATIONSHIP WITH THE US IS SIMILAR TO
THAT TAKEN BY FONMIN CORTINA AND OTHER RANKING SPANISH OFFICIALS
IN PAST CONVERSATIONS WITH ME. IT IS EVIDENT THAT THE SPANISH,
DISAPPOINTED AT THE LACK OF PROGRESS IN THEIR NEGOTIATIONS
WITH THE EC, IRRITATED AT TOLERANT FRENCH TREATMENT OF
BASQUE EXTREMISTS, AND DISILLUSIONED
AT THE WRANGLING WITHIN THE EC, FEEL A SENSE OF FRUSTRATION
IN THEIR EFFORTS TO DEVELOP THEIR RELATIONSHIPS WITH EUROPE.
AS A CONSEQUENCE, THEY TEND TO LOOK ON THEIR TIES WITH THE US
AS A MORE PROMISING OUTLET FOR ENHANCING THEIR INTERNATIONAL
ROLE. THE SPANISH ARE, OF COURSE, SEEKING TO PROMOTE THEIR OWN
INTERESTS, BUT THIS OFFERS US AN OPPORTUNITY TO DEVELOPMENT
OUR COOPERATION IN SUPPORT OF OUR OWN OBJECTIVES AT RELATIVELY
LITTLE COST. PERSONALIZED LETTERS FROM THE SECRETARY TO THE
FOREIGN MINISTER, FOR EXAMPLE, EXPLAINING OUR VIEWS ON DEALING
WITH THE ENERGY SITUATION, AND MORE HIGH LEVEL EXCHANGES OF
VISITS ARE EXAMPLES OF WAYS WE MIGHT DO THIS. I INTEND TO
PURSUE WITH BARRERA AND OTHER SPANISH OFFICIALS OTHER POSSI-
BILITIES AND HOPE THAT WASHINGTON WILL ALSO EXPLORE SUCH
POSSIBILITIES.
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